

REMARKS

The amendment of the specification is to update the application as to the status of related applications. The deletion of the claims is to focus the claimed invention and assist the Examiner in performing a search.

This application is the fourth in a series of applications. In the parent application, a restriction requirement dated November 7, 2001 was applied. In the parent application, U.S. Serial Number 09/709,109, now U.S. Patent No. 6,462,015, Applicants elected the election of Group I, claims 1-15 drawn to [4.4.0] fused lactones.

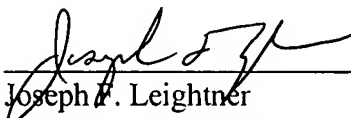
The first divisional application, U.S. Serial No. 10/210,386 now U.S. Patent 6,608,010, Applicants elected the invention of Group IV directed to 6,6 spiro lactones classified in various classes and subclasses.

The second divisional application, U.S. Serial No. 10/401,824, Applicants elected the invention of Group II directed to [4.3.0] fused lactones in various classes and subclasses. A Notice of Allowance was received in this application, dated October 30, 2003, confirmation number 4672, the Issue Fee has not been paid.

In the present application, the third divisional application, Applicants elected without traverse the invention of Group III, drawn to 5,6 spiro lactones and further drawn to perfume compositions and colognes. Applicants have made this election to allow the Examiner to conduct a search and issue a first Office Action as appropriate. The claims will be amended as required upon the receipt of the first Office Action.

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims define patentable subject matter. Early and favorable consideration of the claims is requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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